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Response to Amendment

1. The amendment to the claims filed on 11 Jan 2005 does not comply with the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121(c) because Applicant has not acknowledged the request for the missing TRW documents as discussed in the previous office action:

Information Disclosure Statement

The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on 6/24/2003 was filed properly, and is being returned by examiner. However, two non-patent literature documents, both TRW documents, cannot be located and thus have been crossed out by examiner as not considered. Applicant is requested to submit duplicate copies of these documents for consideration. Examiner will consider the documents and return another copy of the IDS with these documents initialed as considered. If these documents are found to be relevant prior art and used in a rejection, the action will not be made final unless the rejection is necessitated by amendment. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is now being only partially considered by the examiner.

2. Applicant is, of course, not required to provide these documents, but these documents have previously been disclosed on an IDS without copies provided, and the patent office is unable to locate them. Examiner hesitates to simply ignore the documents, both because they may be relevant and because if applicant does want the documents considered, timely submission may save applicant the effort and expense in providing these documents after allowance. Applicant is requested to please provide copies of the documents, or a statement that the documents are not being provided.
3. Since the reply filed on 11 Jan 2005 appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given a TIME PERIOD of **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to submit an amendment in compliance with 37

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CFR 1.121 in order to avoid abandonment. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

Conclusion

4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Katherine W. Mitchell whose telephone number is 703-305-6713. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon - Thurs 10 AM - 8 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, J. J. Swann can be reached on 703-306-4115. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

5. Note that examiner will have a new phone number after March 31, 2005:

(571)272-7069.

6. Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).

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3/22/2005

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Examiner
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